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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

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: ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION

SERIAL NO: NEW DIV APPLICATION

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FOR: DIGITAL VIDEO RECORDING
SYSTEM AND ITS RECORDING
MEDIUM

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-13 without prejudice.

Please add Claims 14-18 as follows:

Sub C1 --14. (New) A bitstream data processing apparatus using a recordable information medium having a data area and a management area, said apparatus comprising:

B 1 an encoder configured to encode one or more input signals to provide corresponding encoded data;

a formatter configured to format the encoded data into a bitstream of data packets; and

a recorder section configured to record the bitstream in the data area of said information medium.